

THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Date Of <u>Corrected</u> Notice: June 30, 2003 <u>CORRECTED</u> PUBLIC NOTICE OF A DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT Job Order Number 990031

A draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) has been prepared by the City of San Diego Land Development Review Division for the project listed below. Written comments regarding the adequacy of this draft EIR must be received by the Land Development Review Division at the above address by *August 9, 2003* This notice was/will be published in the SAN DIEGO DAILY TRANSCRIPT and distributed on *June 26, 2003*. This corrected notice does not change the start or end of public review for the project shown below. It does, however provide clarification on the conclusion that an EIR has been prepared.

PROJECT No. 2147 SCH No. 2001121107

SUBJECT:

Park Boulevard Promenade. BALBOA PARK MASTER PLAN AMENDMENT, CENTRAL MESA PRECISE PLAN AMENDMENT, ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF SAN DIEGO (ZOO) LEASE AMENDMENT, MINIATURE TRAIN LEASE AMENDMENT, CAROUSEL LEASE AMENDMENT AND SITE DEVELOPMENT PERMIT (CPA/LA/SDP) to allow for the implementation of the Park Boulevard Promenade project. The plan amendments would provide for an underground parking structure along Park Boulevard, a belowground transportation center and new loading dock entrance to the Natural History Museum, make adjustments to the Local Historic Resources Boundary, reorient the Zoo's main entry, convert existing parking lots to a pedestrian promenade, allow for the expansion of zoological garden uses, include pedestrian and circulation improvements along Park Boulevard, provide pedestrian and landscape enhancements in the project area, provide north and south gateway elements on Park Boulevard, provide parking for War Memorial visitors, provide a greenbelt along the eastern edge of the existing Zoo Parking Lot, and relocate the Carousel and Miniature Train. The project would also include revisions to the existing Zoo, Miniature Train and Carousel leaseholds, construction of a new parking lot for Zoo employees, and storm water, sewer and water infrastructure improvements. The project is divided into three sections: 1) the San Diego zoological gardens expansion; 2) the San Diego Zoo employee parking lot; and 3) the Park Boulevard Promenade. The Park Boulevard Promenade and San Diego zoological gardens expansion are located mostly along the western side of Park Boulevard from the Prado/Natural History Museum area on the south to the War Memorial Building on the north. The proposed San Diego Zoo employee parking lot is located on the western side of the Zoo leasehold adjacent to SR-163 and Richmond Street. The project site is located on the North Prado in the Central Mesa Precise Plan Area of Balboa Park (Portions of Pueblo Lots 1130 and 1131, City Engineer's Drawing No. 16850-D). Applicant: Zoological Society of San Diego.

COMMUNITY PLAN AREA: Balboa Park COUNCIL DISTRICT: 3 (Atkins)

This recommended finding that the project will not have a significant effect on the environment is based on project revisions which now mitigate potentially significant environmental effects The draft EIR concludes that the project would result in significant impacts in the following area(s): Land Use, Transportation/Circulation, Historical Resources, Hydrology/Water Quality, Recreational Resources, Aesthetics/Neighborhood Character, Paleontological Resources, Utilities, Noise and Air Quality. The draft EIR, Initial Study, and supporting documents may be reviewed, or purchased for the cost of reproduction, at the office of the Land Development Review Division, 1222 First Avenue, Fifth Floor, San Diego, CA 92101.

To request the draft EIR, Initial Study and/or supporting documents in alternative format, call the Development Services Department at (619) 446-5460 immediately to ensure availability. This information is ALSO available in alternative formats for persons with disabilities. To request this notice in alternative format, call (619) 446-5000 or (800) 735-2929 (TEXT TELEPHONE).

For environmental review information, contact Myra Herrmann at (619) 446-5372. For information regarding public meetings/hearings on this project, contact Sandra Teasley at (619) 446-5271. A final environmental report incorporating public input will then be prepared for consideration by decision-making authorities.

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